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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the section of the specification entitled SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION starting on page 3, line 5, and continuing through page 6, line 23, with the following text:

"SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

According to a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided a substrate processing apparatus, including:

- a processing chamber;
- a susceptor on which a substrate is placed; and
- a heating unit disposed below the susceptor for heating the substrate placed on the susceptor, wherein